

Introduction to Map 9: Sgeir nam Ban to Cnoc an Ruamhair

This map section covers some 7.7km of coastline, of which only 5.2km was actually walked, access being denied to the remainder. This area extends along a heavily indented east-facing coastline which is low-lying and mainly given over to rough grazing. There is moorland, forested land and improved grazing within the hinterland. Most of this coastline is classified as stable. At Aros Bay there is some disturbance to the upper foreshore, apparently caused by animal poaching.

A total of eight sites were identified within this map section; two of these had been recorded previously. Five of the sites are thought to be of 18th-20th C date and include structural remains, probable cultivation remains and land boundaries. A landing place with a possible fishing bothy and a noost was identified at Trudernish (IY175).

Sites of earlier but uncertain date include Dun Thrudernish (IY173) and a putative burial ground at Cill an Ailein (IY114). The dun stands on a rocky point and has a series of three separate defensive walls on its landward side. Traces of vitrification have previously been noted within one of these walls but could not be found during this survey. There are no traces of structures within this area. The burial ground at Cill an Ailein (IY114) comprises of a cairn and an enclosure, towards the seaward end of which there is a concentration of stone, including some quartz pebbles. The site is alleged to be that of an ancient burial ground but nothing is known of its history.

It is recommended that both the dun (IY173) and the burial ground (IY114) are monitored for signs of change.

IY114 (NR45SE 4)
NR 46229 53304
Cill an Ailein
Burial ground
???
Fair
Monitor

IY172
NR 46388 52935
Rubh' a' Bhuic
Boundary wall
Fair
Nil

IY173
NR 46597 52667
Trudernish Point
Landing place
18-20th C
Fair
Nil

IY174 (NR45SE 10)
NR 46776 52613
Dun Thrudernish, Trudernish Point
Dun
???
Fair
Monitor

IY175
NR 46626 52376
Trudernish
Landing place, possible fishing bothy and
noost
18-20th C
Good
Nil

IY176
NR 46469 52051
Torr Garbh
Enclosure & coppice
18-20th C
Fair
Nil

IY177
NR 47010 51462
Mullach Ban
Boundary walls
18-20th C
Fair
Nil

IY178
NR 47118 51198
Carraig Mhor
Structural remains and probable cultivation
remains
18-20th C
Fair
Nil

1. Mullagh Ban

NR 471 518

2.4 Km

Rock platform

Coast edge >5m

Drift on visible rock.

A high rocky coast edge with some cobble cover in coves. Hinterland is poorly drained rough grazing.

2. Aros Bay

NR 464 518

0.3 Km

Mainly sand

Coast edge <5m

Drift.

Aros bay is a narrow, deep bay with a sandy beach at the head. There is some rock outcrop on the beach. The hinterland is grassy, improved fields which appear fairly well drained.

3. Claggain Bay

NR 464 529

2.5 Km

Rock platform

Coast edge mostly <5m

Drift on visible rock.

The coast edge in this unit is generally low lying and rocky. It rises around Trudernish Point. The coast edge in Claggain Bay is covered by cobbles. The hinterland contains frequent scrub. There is marshy, poorly drained land to the north of Trudernish Point. Coppiced hazel were noted near the coast edge at the south end of the unit for c. 100m. The coast edge has been protected by means of a sea wall in Claggain Bay, where a road passes close to the shore.



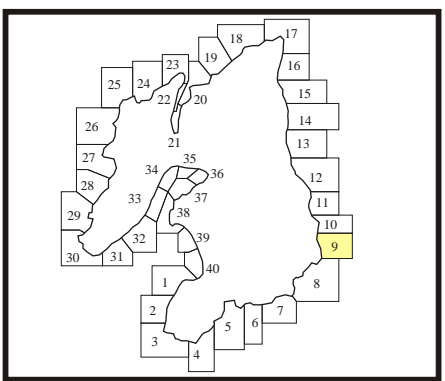
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- Foreshore**
- Rock platform
 - Mainly sand
 - Mainly alluvial/marine mud
 - Marsh

- Hinterland**
- Drift
 - Drift on visible rock
 - Raised beach etc.
 - Blown sand
 - Glacial sand/gravel
 - Alluvium

- Modifiers**
- Low edge <5m
 - Cliff >5m
 - Man made barrier
 - Shingle/storm bank
 - Human disturbance



1. Mullagh Ban

NR 471 518

2.2 Km

Stable

The coast edge in this unit is rocky and stable. No signs of erosion.

3. Claggain Bay

NR 464 529

2.5 Km

Stable

The coast edge in this unit is rocky and stable. No signs of erosion.

2. Aros Bay

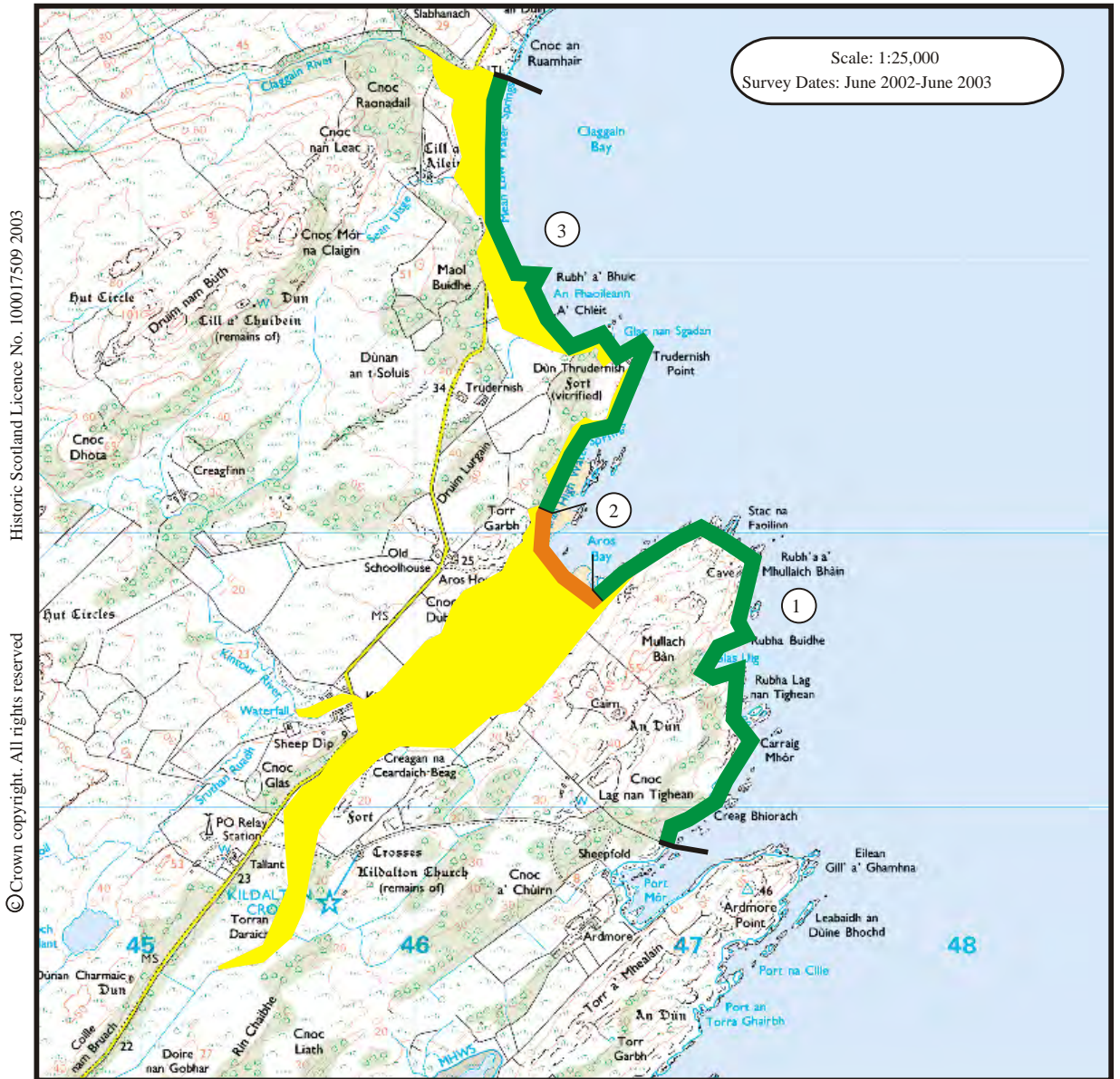
NR 464 518

0.5 Km

Eroding or Stable

A deep bay with a sandy beach at its head.

There is some erosion of the upper foreshore, apparently due to animal poaching.



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- Erosion Class**
- Definitely Accreting
 - Accreting or Stable
 - Stable
 - Eroding or Stable
 - Definitely Eroding
 - Accreting and Eroding
 - No access
 - Land below 10m

